

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, twenty-six (26) claims including two (2) independent and twenty-four (24) dependent claims are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Eighteen (18) new claims including one (1) independent and seventeen (17) dependent claims, two of which are multiple dependent claims, have been added. No fees are believed payable in connection with the present amendment. If any additional fee is deemed payable, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, including the examples, and claims as originally filed. Support can also be found as follows:

Claim No.	Support in the specification can be found at least at:
75	Page 24, lines 16-26; Page 26, lines 18-27; Page 28, lines 18-27; Page 32, lines 1-5; Page 34, line 15 – Page 37, line 4; Page 39, lines 16-23; Page 41, line 6 – Page 42, line 3; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-15 and 18-22
76	Page 30, line29 – Page 31, line 17; Page 37, line 21 – Page 38, line 4; and Examples I-IV
77	Page 35 line 14 to Page 36, line 9; Page 36, line 19 to Page 37, line 20; and Examples I-IV
78	Page 26, lines 18-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18
79	Page 26, lines 18-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18
80	Page 26, lines 18-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18
81	Page 26, lines 18-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18
82	Page 32, lines 1-5; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-15, 18, 21 and 22
83	Examples I-IV
84	Page 26, lines 18-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18
85	Page 26, lines 18-27; Page 28, lines 18-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18-20
86	Page 30, line29 – Page 31, line 17; and Page 37, line 21 – Page 38, line 4
87	Page 30, line29 – Page 31, line 17; and Page 37, line 21 – Page 38, line 4
88	Page 43, line 11
89	Page 38, lines 14-27; Examples I-IV; and originally filed claims 7-14 and 18
90	Page 32, lines 1-5
91	Page 35, lines 11-13; and originally filed claim 13
92	Page 32, lines 13-25

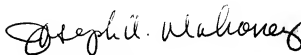
In addition, support for the new claims can be found, for example, in the specification of U.S. Application No. 09/183,422, filed October 29, 1998, now abandoned, at page 16, line 19 to page 17, line 1; page 18, lines 8-14; page 18, lines 18-22; page 20, lines 5-8; page 22, lines 3-5; page 23, lines 10-13; page 23, line 19 to page 24, line 2; page 24, lines 18-20; Example I; Example II; claims 4-22; and claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,489,346.

The present amendments proposed herein are made solely to expedite prosecution of one embodiment of the present invention. Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute one or more cancelled claims or any subject matter enabled by the instant specification in one or more continuing applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the proposed amendments be entered and the claims examined on the merits. Early and favorable consideration is requested. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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